

BRAXTON BRAGG AND R. L. GIBSON.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 367.]

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Mr. BOULIGNY, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Braxton Bragg and R. L. Gibson, praying for the confirmation of a tract of land therein described, respectfully report :*

The tract of land in question is situated in the parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, and fronts on the Bayou Lafourche.

There are titles filed with the memorial showing a transfer of the land, by sales, from Domingo Esteves and his family in 1812 down to the present memorialists. The land above and below this tract was confirmed to the then possessors by the United States in 1812, as will be seen by reference to the 2d volume of American State Papers in relation to Public Lands, No. 190, p. 410, and No. 222, p. 413. The descriptions in both these confirmations speak of the land between the two as then possessed by Domingo Stepho or Esteves, which is the name intended.

It is undoubtedly owing to inattention on the part of the family of Esteves that their tract has not been heretofore confirmed. The other tracts, above and below, were confirmed by authority of law in consequence of long possession and cultivation.

The tract of memorialists is now in their peaceable and undisputed possession. It has been in cultivation, Mr. M. Taylor, of Louisiana, has stated to us in writing, within his own knowledge, by the memorialists, or those from whom they derive title, for over twenty-eight years, and it is certain it was in possession of Esteves some time before 1812, and probably long before the cession of Louisiana to the United States.

Under these circumstances, your committee think the tract of land, which contains but a little over 100 acres, ought to be confirmed, and they now report a bill for its confirmation, and recommend its passage.

